



THE STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY

An essay must include 5 paragraphs

- Introduction
- Body paragraph #1
- Body paragraph #2
- Body paragraph #3
- Conclusion

Introductions

- Grabber = 1 sentence that grabs the audience's attention
- Background = 3 sentences that tell a little history about your topic
- Thesis = 1 sentence that consists of three mini-theses that will help prove your point.
- For example.....
 - Some people believe that peanut butter is the best food because it is low in sugar and it can be combined with other foods to make delicious dishes, but others believe it will raise your cholesterol.
 - These three mini-theses will be the topics of your three body paragraphs.

Body paragraphs

- Mini-thesis statement = 1 sentence that is written like your main thesis but focuses on just one of your baby theses.
- Evidence that supports your mini-thesis = 3 sentences
- Concluding sentence = 1 sentence that wraps up this paragraph and leads into your next paragraph. It often mentions your next baby thesis.

Conclusion

- Thesis statement = 1 sentence
- Information that reminds us of how your thesis has been proven. These sentences should mention details from all parts of your thesis. (all baby theses) = 3 sentences
- Concluding statement = 1 sentence that grabs the audience's attention but makes them want more.

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- Introduction = grabber(1), background (3), Thesis (1)
- Body paragraph #1 = mini-thesis (1), evidence (3), concluding sentence (1)
- Body paragraph #2 = mini-thesis (1), evidence (3), concluding sentence(1)
- Body paragraph #3 = mini-thesis (1), evidence (3), concluding sentence(1)
- Conclusion = Thesis (1), Information about theses(3), concluding sentence (1)

- (1) = # of sentences